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SUBJ: GULF FOREIGN MINISTERS' CONFERENCE: VISIT OF IRAQI FOREIGN
MINISTER TO QATAR

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1. IRAQI FOREIGN MINISTER HAMMADI ARRIVED IN DOHA NOV 22 AND
DEPARTED ON MORNING NOV 23 EN ROUTE TO UAE, MUSCAT AND RIYADH,
IN THAT ORDER. DURING HIS STAY HE MET WITH AMIR AND FOREIGN
MINISTER.

2. VARIED GLEANINGS ON IRAQI CONVERSATIONS WERE PASSED TO US
MORNING OF NOV 23 ZZ PAKISTANI, FRENCH AND IRANIAN AMBS.

3. PAK AMB, WHO CLAIMED CLOSE FRIENDSHIP WITH IRAQI FOREIGN
MINISTRY UNDER SECY ABDUL HUSSAYN AL JAMALI WHO WAS TRAVELING
WITH HAMMADI, SAID THAT JAMALI LEFT HIM WITH CLEAR IMPRESSITN
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THAT IRAQI ATTENDANCE AT MUSCAT CONFERENCE HIGHLY UNLIKELY,

ALTHOUGH FINAL DECISION NOT RPT NOT YET REACHED. ACCORDING PAK AMB, FLY IN IRAQI OINTMENT IS NOT RPT NOT IRAQI-IRANIAN DIFFERENCES ON GULF SECURITY MECHANISM. HE SAID THAT JAMALI, WHO HAD JUST COME FROM TEHRAN, DESCRIBED IRAQI-IRANIAN RELATIONS AS EXCELLENT. BASED ON HIS CONVERSATION WITH JAMALI, PAK SPECULATED THAT REAL PROBLEM WAS IRAQIS UNLILLINGNESS TO HAVE THEIR BORDER DISPUTE WITH KUWAIT AIRED IN MUSCAT.

4. FRENCH AMB, WHO ALSO KNEW JAMALI FROM HIS DAYS AS FRENCH CHARGE IN BAGHDAD, SAID JAMALI TOLD HIM THAT FINAL DECISION ON IRAQI ATTENDANCE AT MUSCAT MEETING WOULD BE MADE THIS EVENING IN RIYADH AFTER HAMMADI'S VISITS TO UAE AND MUSCAT. FRENCH AMB'S IMPRESSION WAS THAT IRAQIS' HANGUP WAS INDEED DISAGREEMENT WITH IRAN OVER GULF SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS.

5. IRAN AMB ALSO HAD STORY THAT IRAQIS AS YET UNDECIDED ABOUT ATTENDANCE, BUT WOULD MAKE UP THEIR MINDS AFTER TODAY'S CONSULTATIONS IN ABU DHABI, MUSCAT AND RIYADH. HE SAID IRANIANS DID NOT RPT NOT EXPECT ANY DRAMATIC RESULTS FROM CONCLAVE, BUT THE FACT THAT MEETING INCLUDING IRAN TAKING PLACE WAS SIGNIFICANT ENOUGH, AND IF IRAQIS OPTED OUT, THAT WAS THEIR OWN PROBLEM. HE SAID HE EXPECTED TO HAVE BETTER PICTURE FROM IRANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER KHALATBARI, WHO ARRIVED IN DOHA FOR TWO-DAY VISIT ON MORNING NOV 23.
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